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## PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

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### UNITED STATES.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.]

*Sanitary conditions in Oakland and San Francisco, Cal.—Infectious diseases in refugee camps.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon Blue reports, May 8, as follows:

Report of contagious and infectious diseases in the refugee camps under the jurisdiction of the health commission of San Francisco since the earthquake of April 18, 1906: Scarlet fever, 24; diphtheria, 10; measles, 93; enteric fever, 6; tuberculosis, 5; varicella, 2; variola, 31.

The report of the camps under the supervision of the Army Medical Corps at the Presidio Reservation and the Golden Gate Park is as follows: Measles, 63; mumps, 5; scarlet fever, 4; varicella, 1; erysipelas, 1; smallpox (since April 18), 59; enteric fever, 32.

Smallpox appears to be on the increase. On the 6th instant 4 cases were found and on the 7th 5 cases, and sent to the isolation hospital.

California City and Mill Valley, towns across the bay, contributed 2 additional cases of smallpox to the above list. It would appear, therefore, that the infection of smallpox exists in nearly all the towns in the vicinity of San Francisco.

The chairman of the health commission of San Francisco has authorized an inspection of all ferry steamers from Sausalito and points north to this city.

The inspection service instituted by the president of the State board of health on the ferries running into San Francisco from Oakland, Berkeley, and Alameda is now well organized and in active operation. Acting Assistant Surgeon Weeks has charge of this division of the work.

*Steamship Olympia disinfected at Port Townsend quarantine, Wash.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon Stimpson reported, May 17, the arrival of the steamship *Olympia*, which left Honolulu May 6, via Hilo, with 457 oriental steerage passengers on board. The sanitary conditions were good; no sickness en route. The vessel was ordered to quarantine for disinfection and detention of passengers until the expiration of seven days from the date of departure from Honolulu, plague having been reported present at Honolulu, May 12 to 16, inclusive.